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From: ladysteph61@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 1:09 PM  
To: Commissioner Adelstein  
Subject: Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
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## **\*\*\*Telecom News\*\*\***

*April 12, 2004*

\* Daily Digest – Public Notice: Effective with receipts of May 3, 2004, WTB will no longer accept FCC Form 605, *Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Service*, applications that have an edition date prior to December 2003. You can avoid this problem by submitting your application through ULS. ULS can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>.

To obtain a current copy of Form 605, visit the FCC forms page on the World Wide Web, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/feesforms/index.html> or dial FCC's Fax Information System, 202-418-0177. You can also obtain paper copies of Form 605 from the FCC Forms Distribution Center by phone at 1-800-418-3676.

\* Communications Daily – Regarding 2004 Regulatory Fees, similar to last year, the FCC proposed that it wouldn't send public notices about fee due dates through surface mail, but rather would provide the information on its website. But the agency still proposed to disseminate fee-assessment notifications to media services and satellite space station licensees, interstate telecom service providers, cable TV system and CMRS operators by surface mail. It said that was required because those licenses "experienced confusion about fees and the fee-collection process in the past, or are likely to need to respond to changed collections practices in the future."

***Note: Last year, the Call Centers received numerous calls from broadcasters who received post cards about 2003 regulatory fees. The majority of their inquiries involved CORES and problems getting FRNs. I recall the postcards being mailed out around June, July and August 2003.***

\* Communications Daily – State consumer advocates have asked the FCC to bar long distance and wireless providers from putting "misleading surcharges" on consumer telephone bills. The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates say any company-imposed surcharges should be included in a provider's per-minute rate or standard monthly fee so customers can better compare rates. A variety of names are used to describe these fees, such as "regulatory assessment charge" and regulatory cost recovery fee." Long distance and wireless companies often characterize these charges as required by government regulation when most of these fees are imposed at the discretion of the carriers.

\* Communications Daily – MCI has settled a contract dispute with the federal government by agreeing to reimburse agencies \$27 million in charges assessed under the FTS2001 contract. MCI said it was "a commercial billing dispute" between MCI and GSA.

\* TR Daily – The Department of Justice announced that it indicted five individuals and arrested four of them on charges of conspiracy, mail fraud, and money laundering in connection with the FCC's universal service mechanism for schools and libraries, also known as the "E-rate" program. The fifth individual "is believed to be residing in Lahore, Pakistan," according to the DoJ.

Thomas D. Bennett, FCC assistant inspector general for universal service oversight, said: "These charges again demonstrate the commitment of the FCC Office of Inspector General and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute individuals who defraud the E-rate program and underscore the benefits of the effective working relationship our office has established with the DOJ Antitrust Division."

\* Newsweek is reporting that Senator John McCain is planning to propose legislation that would require cable companies to allow subscribers to pay only for the channels that they want.

\* Communications Daily – NY has settled 67 cases of violations of the no-call telemarketing law since April 2001, netting \$1.05 million in fines. The governor says he will ask the legislature to double the amount the state can fine violators. He wants to raise it to \$11,000.

\* TR Daily - SBC is urging the FCC to act quickly on petitions to double the rate paid to pay phone service providers (PSPs) for "dial-around" calls. The petitions were filed last year by the American Public Communications Council (APCC) and a coalition comprised of SBC, BellSouth and Verizon.

In WC docket 03-225, SBC argued that the current default rate of 24 cents per call "does not provide adequate cost recovery" for PSPs like SBC. APCC and the Bell companies contend that insufficient call volume has resulted in per-call costs for a "marginal" pay phone averaging between 48 cents and 53 cents and that the default compensation rate therefore should be 48 cents-49 cents.

Section 276 of the 1934 Communications Act, as amended, directs the FCC to "ensure that [PSPs] are fairly compensated" and to "promote widespread deployment of pay phone service to the benefit of the general public."

\* TR Daily - Reply comments on a petition asking the FCC to consider prohibiting certain exclusive inmate phone service agreements are due April 21, according to the "Federal Register."

In November, Martha Wright and several other petitioners specifically asked the Commission to "prohibit exclusive inmate calling service agreements and collect-call- only restrictions at privately administered prisons and require such facilities to permit multiple long distance carriers to interconnect with prison telephone systems." The Commission said it would consider the petition as an ex parte filing in its proceeding to examine the long distance service rates imposed on inmates and their families for pay phone service. Filings must reference CC docket 96-128.

\* Communications Daily – Blonder Tongue Labs has released a TV channel blocker that will enable cable operators to control content in households that currently lack the equipment to prevent unwanted channels from being seen.

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From: Christine Blomquist [CBlomquist@ctia.org]  
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Subject: filing from CTIA for Docket 02-55



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today's filing by CTIA for WT Docket 02-55

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